Major, Medium and Lift Irrigation Scheme

726. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present capacity available in the major, medium and lift irrigation schemes where the financial assistance is being given to States, State-wise; and

(b) what is the proposed assistance that is being given to Orissa for the 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Central assistance to States is given in the form of block grants and loans and is not tied to any project or sector of development.

Management of Talcher and Ramagundam Fertilizer Plant

727. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Talcher and Ramagundam Fertilizer Plants are proposed to be brought under one management; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Talcher and Ramagundam Fertilizer Plants are already under one management i.e. the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd.

(b) Does not arise.

Revamping of Fertilizer Plants

728. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revamp those fertilizer plants in the Public Sector which are incurring continuous losses over the years; and

(b) if so, what are the main features of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir. Subject to financial viability the plants of Fertilizer Corporation of India and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation, the public sector companies which have been making continuous losses for the past several years, are proposed to be revamped.

(b) Main features of the proposals, unitwise, with estimated expenditure are given below:

(Rs. crores)

Name of the unit	Estimated expenditure	Main features of the proposal
1	2	3
Fertilizers Corporation of India:		
(i) Ramagundam unit	146.86	M/s. Krupp Koppors, West Germany, who carried out an end-to-end survey, suggested various long-term/short-term measures to rehabilitate these plants. The major measures suggested are:
(ii) Talcher unit	253.54	1. Modification of the existing air separation unit;
		2. Additional gasification stream;
		3. Additional coal preparation stream at Talcher;